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S. 3044

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Intended to be proposed by Mr. TALMADGE to S. 3044, a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for public financing of primary and general election campaigns for Federal elective office, and to amend certain other provisions of law relating to the financing and conduct of such campaigns, viz:

1 On page 71, between lines 12 and 13, insert the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “DEFAMATORY STATEMENTS ABOUT CANDIDATES FOR
4 FEDERAL OFFICE

5 “SEC. 304. Section 612 of title 18, United States Code,
6 is amended—

7 “(a) by adding at the end of the section caption a
8 semicolon and ‘defamatory statements about candidates
9 for Federal office’;

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1 “(b) by designating the first paragraph thereof as
2 subsection (a) ; and

3 “(c) by adding at the end thereof the following
4 new subsection:

5 ““(b) No person shall cause to be published a false and
6 defamatory statement about the character or professional
7 ability of a candidate for Federal office with respect to the
8 qualifications of that candidate for that office if such person
9 knows that such statement is false. Violation of the provi-
10 sions of this subsection is a misdemeanor punishable by a
11 fine not to exceed \$1,000, imprisonment not to exceed six
12 months, or both.’”.

13 On page 71, line 16, strike out “304.” and insert in lieu
14 thereof “305.”.

15 On page 78, line 19, immediately after “611,”, insert
16 “612,”.

17 On page 78, line 21, strike out “by adding at the end”
18 and insert in lieu thereof “by—”.

19 On page 78, between lines 21 and 22, insert the follow-
20 ing:

21 “(1) adding to the end of the section caption in the
22 item relating to section 612 a semicolon and ‘defama-
23 tory statements about candidates for Federal office.’; and

24 “(2) adding at the end”.

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